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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1964, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

Vital Statistics

Owing to the small size of the population the statistical figures do not have any great significance; figures which are expressed as rates per thousand may represent only one or two individuals.

Public Health Inspector's Report

This contains an enormous amount of information about the Rural District and its activities. So that it can be used as a sort of reference book I have included an index.

I would like to thank Mr. Morley for his help and cooperation during the past year.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	5,590
Average number of persons per acre	.11
Number of inhabited houses	1,815
Average number of inhabited houses per acre ..	.03
Average number of persons per house	3.1
Rateable value	£95,749
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£367.10. 5.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	41	44	85
Illegitimate	3	1	4
	44	45	89

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.17

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	15.9	16.8	16.1	15.9	16.8
" " (Adjusted)	18.6	19.7	20.4	16.7	17.6
England and Wales	18.4	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D. ..	4.5
England and Wales ..	7.2

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D.	11.1	20.5	22.0	Nil	18.5
England and Wales	16.3	17.2	18.1	19.1	19.8

INFANT DEATH RATES

Early Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	22.5
England and Wales	..	* (1963: 12.1)

Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	33.7
England and Wales	..	13.8

Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	33.3
England and Wales	..	* (1963: 29.3)

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	4	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

*figures not yet available

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D.	(Total	45.0	32.3	11.2	Nil	28.3
	(Legitimate	47.1	23.8	11.8	Nil	30.0
	(Illegitimate	Nil	111.1	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	20.0	21.1	21.6	21.6	21.9
	(Legitimate	*	20.8	21.3	21.2	21.5
	(Illegitimate	*	26.0	27.2	25.3	26.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D. .. Nil
England and Wales .. 0.25

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	27	28	55

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.98	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	9.8	10.8	10.1	11.5	10.0
" " (Adjusted)	9.6	10.6	7.7	11.0	9.6
England and Wales	11.3	12.2	11.9	11.9	11.5

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	5	4	9

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D.	1.61	2.35	2.17	2.35	1.59
England and Wales	2.20	2.17	2.18	2.15	2.16

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	16	16	32

*figures not yet available

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D.	5.72	5.77	5.97	5.40	5.24
England and Wales	5.73	5.22	6.14	6.10	6.00

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	3	1	4

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Weobley R.D.	0.71	1.26	0.90	1.62	1.43
England and Wales	1.37	1.71	1.57	1.60	1.26

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, Bronchus	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	4
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	7	12
Coronary disease, angina	5	3	8
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart disease	4	6	10
Other circulatory disease	1	-	1
Bronchitis	3	1	4
Congenital malformations	-	1	1
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	-	6	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
Suicide	1	-	1
Total:	27	28	55

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Weobley Rural District

Disease	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Whooping Cough	12	-	-	22	18
Measles	45	56	13	84	6
Scarlet Fever	2	-	1	4	10
Erysipelas	1	-	1	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	6	7	9	12
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	-	1	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	3	43
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	1	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	70	29	13	126	70
Measles	609	507	337	583	189
Scarlet Fever	8	12	9	11	23
Erysipelas	2	3	5	3	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	2	2	1	3
Post-Infectious	-	1	2	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	8	13	15	18	18
Dysentery	3	7	1	62	123
Food Poisoning	14	7	5	11	39
Paratyphoid Fever	-	2	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	10	9	7	9	7
Non-Pulmonary	3	1	2	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	1	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1964

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	10	6	6	14	16	8	5	1	3	1	-	-	70
Measles	27	2	2	14	16	37	37	55	7	56	122	234	609
Scarlet Fever	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	8
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	9	-	14
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	-	-	10
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	1.90	0.67
Measles	16.55	6.46
Scarlet Fever	0.22	0.42
Erysipelas	0.06	0.03
Acute Pneumonia	0.22	0.19
Dysentery	0.08	0.42
Food Poisoning	0.38	0.11
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.27	0.32
Non-Pulmonary	0.08	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.60	6.78

* per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963	20	12	7	6
Recovered	1	-	-	-
Died	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1964.	18	12	7	6

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1960	4	54	1	5
1961	1	49	1	1
1962	-	49	-	1
1963	-	45	1	3
1964	-	43	1	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres and is situated in the North Western portion of the County.

There are no exceptionally large villages within the district, but each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

Agriculture is the major industry, but on account of mechanisation and rationalisation within the industry the number of persons finding employment in farming is gradually declining.

On the other hand the tendency for people employed in Hereford and Leominster to reside in the rural district still continues and is regarded as beneficial to the area in all respects.

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Regional and Village Supplies

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of supply of the Herefordshire Water Board and mains supplies are available in the greater portion of the larger villages.

Schemes to convey piped water to the parishes of Sarnesfield, and parts of Almeley (Woonton), Weobley Marsh and Dilwyn, were completed during this year and other schemes to cover Almeley (Village), Kinnersley, Letton, Moccas, Preston-on-Wye and Blakemere, were started this year and will be completed in 1965.

Enquiries in connection with the provision of a piped water supply for Westhope Hill were passed to the Water Board some considerable time ago and more recently we have learned that a scheme is in course of preparation and that before long it will be submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Water supplied from public water mains direct to houses (including farm houses)

Parish	No. of houses	Approx. Population
Almeley	21	63
Birley	6	18
Bishopstone	44	132
Bridge Sollers	4	12
Byford	21	63
Canon Pyon	50	150
Dilwyn	81	243
Eardisland	32	96
Kings Pyon	45	135
Mansel Lacy	30	90
Monnington-on-Wye	2	6
Norton Canon	47	141
Sarnesfield	1	3
Staunton-on-Wye	61	183
Stretford	1	3
Weobley	188	564
Yazor	15	45

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

Water supplied from private mains

Parish	No. of houses	Approx. Population
Bridge Sollers	2	6
Canon Pyon	2	6
Wormesley	8	24
Yazor	15	45

Water supplied from public water mains by means of standpipes

Parish	No. of houses	Approx. Population
Weobley	7	21

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 65 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:

	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Total
Public supplies (chlorinated)	19	3	22
Other supplies (wells, springs, and private supplies)	13	30	43
	32	33	65

Where samples proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The sewage disposal works at Weobley, laid down in 1955, continues to function satisfactorily, the effluent being discharged into the Newbridge Brook is of a high standard.

Difficulty has, however, been experienced from time to time in the drying and disposal of sludge.

At Dilwyn work was started on the construction of sewers and sewage disposal works which, on completion, will serve the village and Sollars Dilwyn. The estimated date of completion of the scheme is September/October, 1965.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE (Continued)

During June work was started on the installation of public sewers and construction of a sewage disposal works in the New End and Sizebrook area of Canon Pyon. Towards the end of December most of the work had been completed and it appeared likely that the works would be fully operational towards the end of January, 1965.

Ministry approval in principle has also been received in connection with the Council's proposals for acquisition and improvements at an existing sewage disposal works at Staunton-on-Wye and preliminary surveys have been undertaken in the Ledgemoor area of Kings Pyon and at Preston-on-Wye.

Number of houses connected to public sewers:	184
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works:	605 (est)
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal:	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal:	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

At present there are no public swimming baths within the district, although the provision of such an amenity would no doubt be beneficial and would enable many more young persons to acquire the practical skill of being able to swim.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The three weekly collection of household refuse has been satisfactorily undertaken throughout the year, and during December the Health and Housing Committee recommended to the Council that a more frequent collection of household refuse be approved in principle, unfortunately it has not yet been possible to obtain suitable labour within the area but the situation is being kept under review.

Disposal of household refuse is increasingly becoming a problem, the existing disposal site at Dilwyn is still in service and more money has been made available by the Council for the purpose of tip maintenance but in the long term other methods of disposal of household refuse will need to be found and the attention of the Council has been drawn to this matter, which it is suggested is one of paramount importance.

On the various collection rounds the refuse freighter travelled some 5,885 miles throughout the year at an estimated average mileage per gallon of fuel of 6.7

From the foregoing information, the wisdom of the Council in providing a collection vehicle of large capacity can easily be appreciated.

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite. Formalin gas or sulphur dioxide being employed when appropriate.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

The survey of the district under Section 2 of the Act is again being undertaken by Contract, also all Council properties are being treated as necessary from time to time.

Summary of Inspections and Treatments for the Year ended 31st December, 1964.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul-tural	All other (Includ. Business Premises	Total
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's District	12	1647	383	132	2174
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1964 as a result of notification	-	5	1	1	7
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1964 as a result of survey	12	466	72	17	567
Total number of visits made during 1964	249	475	77	19	820
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with rats					
(a) Major	2	-	-	1	3
(b) Minor	7	10	5	2	24
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with mice					
(a) Major	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	9	-	-	-	9
Number of Notices served under Section 4					
(Treatment)	-	-	-	-	-
(Structural Works) (i.e. Proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following the issue of a notice under Section 4	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
Number of block schemes		NIL			

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under:	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Building Inspections and new Buildings	382	6	-	6
Building Plans	166	1	-	1
Building Byelaws	12	4	-	4
Council Housing Schemes	499	-	-	-
Council House Management and Maintenance	459	3	-	3
Council House Tenancy Investigations	57	-	-	-
Dangerous Buildings	2	1	-	1
Drainage	13	-	-	-
Disinfestations	2	-	-	-
Discretionary Improvement Grants	47	-	-	-
Establishment	1	-	-	-
Food Premises	24	-	-	-
Housing (F.P.) Act	19	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	75	3	-	3
Hop-pickers Quarters	2	-	-	-
Infectious Diseases	1	-	-	-
Ice-cream licences and samples	1	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	113	-	-	-
Milk samples	36	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	92	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	20	2	-	2
Nuisances	47	5	-	5
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	9	-	-	-
Planning Duties	9	-	-	-
Petroleum Inspections	28	1	-	1
Public Offices	7	-	-	-
Problem Family Accommodation	1	-	-	-
Refuse Collection & Disposal	44	1	-	1
Rodent Control	5	-	-	-
Slaughterhouses	2	-	-	-
Sewage Disposal	655	-	-	-
Suspected Food Poisoning	5	-	-	-

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR (Continued)

Inspections under:	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Unsound Food	1	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	35	-	-	-
Water Samples	55	12	-	12
Water Supplies	13	-	-	-
	3004	39	-	39

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

	Factories Mechanical Power		Total	Other Premises
	With	Without		
Almeley	3	-	3	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Byford	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	1
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	-	-	-	1
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	1
Weobley	6	-	6	2
	17	-	17	8

The 'Other Premises' described in the above list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act. There are no large factories in the rural district and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 and
HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The scheme has been implemented by the Council since 1952 and so far 122 proposals have been approved, three of which were later withdrawn by the applicants. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to 5.5% of all the houses within the area.

Ten schemes were approved by the Council during the year, five were completed and grants paid.

Standard Improvement Grants

This method of improving old properties continues to be well received and during the year 26 applications were made, all of which were approved with 18 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959 some 127 proposals amounting to about 5.8% of all the houses within the area have been approved, five of which being later withdrawn by the applicants.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

The Contract for the erection of 14 houses and 6 bungalows at Canon Pyon was started during February and by the end of the year most of the work had been undertaken and it seemed likely that the tenants would be able to move in during January, 1965.

Good progress was made throughout, an indication that non-traditional methods of construction are suitable for areas where there is a shortage of skilled building tradesmen.

Proposals for the erection of a further 35 houses and 2 bungalows on four sites in the parishes of Bishopstone, Kings Pyon, Norton Canon and Staunton-on-Wye have received planning approval and negotiations for the purchase of the several sites had been well advanced towards the end of the year.

Future proposals now include six dwellings at Moccas, six at Preston-on-Wye and a Group Dwellings scheme at Weobley for the accommodation of Elderly Persons.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

25 new private dwellings were completed during the year and the construction of a further 15 was started.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

There is some dissatisfaction however that the County Planning Authority's development policy does not appear to be flexible enough to permit a little more private housing development, particularly at Weobley and Dilwyn where the Council has provided sewerage schemes.

Much publicity was given to the proposed 'Weobley Plan' several months ago by the County Planning Authority but, generally speaking, there would appear to be little likelihood of the proposals being put into effect without compulsory purchase of land - and action of this kind even for Council housing development, let alone private development, is usually only embarked upon absolutely as a last resort and when there appears to be no possible other alternative. At Weobley of course other land could be made available for development if the planning authority could feel able to review their suggested proposals for development in and around the village.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES

	Completed	Year	Under construction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8	1951	-	-	-	-
	2	1955	-	-	-	-
	11	1956	-	-	-	-
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	12	1961
Canon Pyon	2	1945	14 houses 6 bungs.	1963 1963	-	-
Dilwyn	12	1953	-	-	-	-
	4	1955	-	-	-	-
Eardisland	4	1954	-	-	-	-
	15	1955	-	-	-	-
Kings Pyon	-	-	-	-	6	1963
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	6	1962
Moccas	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	13	1962
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-	-
(Conversions)	1	1948	-	-	-	-
	2	1952	-	-	-	-
	5	1952	-	-	-	-
	3	1958	-	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	20	1962	-	-	-	-
(Group Dwellings)	-	-	-	-	30	1964
	160		20		79	

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 242 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:

Plan and particulars relating to:

Private garages	25
Alterations, additions and improvements	64
Drainage systems	8
Advertisement signs	5
Private houses	29

BUILDING PLANS (Continued)

Plan and Particulars relating to:

Overhead lines to M.E.B.	18
Petrol filling station and pumps ..	3
Accesses	4
Change of use of land	41
Farm buildings	13
Sites for moveable dwellings	3
Change of use of buildings	2
Council housing schemes	5
Conversion of buildings	5
Small shops and general stores ..	2
Refuse disposal sites	2
Verandahs, porches and extensions ..	5
Store sheds and greenhouses	2
Scout headquarters	1
School extensions	2
Bus shelter	1
Sales kiosk	1
Telephone exchange	1

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 49,440 gallons.

There are 11 petrol filling stations and 39 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No. licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKER'S QUARTERS

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers .. 2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

24 inspections of food premises have been made in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations. Inspections in the course of other duties have been undertaken from time to time.

School Milk

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological examination. Thirty samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)

Slaughterhouses and Butcher's Shops

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. Both establishments have been recently improved.

During the year 127 beasts, 174 sheep, 154 lambs, and 147 pigs were slaughtered at the two establishments, and after inspection the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:

18 bovine livers, 3 sheep livers, 7 pig's livers,
3 lamb's livers, 2 pig's heads and one pig's hind leg.

By comparison with 1963 slightly more animals were slaughtered in the area - 2.2% more.

100% inspection of all carcases and organs has been maintained, although as in previous years, this has frequently meant the working of extra time, outside normal working hours.

The Manufacture and Sale of Ice-Cream

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in the area, all ice-cream sold is obtained in pre-packed wrappers from reputable manufacturers and stored in refrigerator containers prior to sale.

Two further premises were registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Sec. 16. There is now a total of 30 registered premises.

No samples were submitted for laboratory examination.

Food Premises

The list of food premises within the area is as follows:

Butchers shops	3
Grocers shops	23
Inns and Hotels	21
School Canteens	2
Snack Bars	1
Cafes	1

There are also a number of smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets, chiefly in pre-packed wrappers.